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PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENTS

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HUNGARY-USSR-ROMANIA

On Wednesday, two days after signing the Crimean summit communiqué, Kadar convened an unusual joint meeting of the party's central committee, the government's council of ministers, and popular front leaders. The meeting produced a communiqué which included an uncharacteristically harsh foreign policy line.

Between the lines of the communiqué we read a serious concern over Budapest's relations with Moscow as well as a warning that this is not the time for independent flings. Kadar, in most respects one of Moscow's staunchest supporters, has been tacitly pushing for a more forthcoming attitude toward China for several months.

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Kadar resisted a Soviet attempt in June to stir up old animosities between Romania and Hungary. On 30 July Brezhnev and Podgorny talked with Kadar in Moscow, and we believe they criticized him for not sufficiently supporting the USSR's Romanian policy as well as for his initiatives regarding China. If the Soviets are adopting an increasingly tough attitude on the Romanian issue, they would almost certainly make a special effort to get Kadar in line early rather than risk a repetition of the moderating tack he took in 1968 on Czechoslovakia.

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NOTES

USSR-India: Gromyko will arrive in India tomorrow. Moscow's messages to India counselling avoidance of war have thus far fallen on deaf ears in New Delhi, which apparently still hopes to receive advance assurances of Soviet support if fighting breaks out. 50X1

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the Soviets are apparently anxious to get a first-hand assessment of Indian intentions.

Vietnam: 50X1

Malta: Mintoff has told US Ambassador Pritzlaff that following his visit to Tripoli on Wednesday he decided not to accept Libya's terms for an agreement. Without spelling out the Libyans' demands he said they want "the whole hog." Mintoff reiterated Malta's needs for immediate cash, and Ambassador Pritzlaff believes he hopes to gain time while the UK and NATO work out a package that would obviate any need to rely exclusively on Tripoli.

Communist China: 50X1

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